

APRIL 18, 1816.

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Read twice and committed to the committee of the whole House on  
the bill for the relief of David Gelston and Peter A. Schenck.

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## A Bill

*For the relief of George T. Ross, Daniel T. Patterson, and the officers and men lately under their command.*

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*  
2     *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*  
3     so much of the nett proceeds of the forfeitures and penalties, not  
4     exceeding fifty thousand dollars, as has accrued to the United  
5     States by the condemnation and sale of the vessels and their  
6     cargoes which were taken near the Island of Barataria, on the  
7     western coast of Louisiana, on the sixteenth day of September,  
8     one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, by a land and naval  
9     force under the command of colonel George T. Ross and cap-  
10    tain Daniel T. Patterson, and which were condemned and sold  
11    by order of the district court of the United States for the Or-  
12    leans District, for violation of laws of the United States be, and  
13    the same are hereby given up and relinquished in favour of

14 the said George T. Ross and Daniel T. Patterson, and of their  
15 officers and men for their zeal, activity, and courage in cap-  
16 turing the same. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby  
17 authorized to pay to the said George T. Ross and Daniel T.  
18 Patterson the amount of the said nett proceeds of the said sales  
19 not exceeding fifty thousand dollars out of any money in the  
20 treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be distributed among  
21 the land and naval forces employed in the capture of the said  
22 vessels in such proportions and under such regulations as the  
23 Secretaries of War and of the Navy, with the approbation of  
24 the President, shall prescribe and determine.